**WELCOME TO ST ANDREW’S GISBORNE**

**Sunday 8 October 2023 at 10 a.m.**

*Matawhero Church – Church Lane*

*St Andrew’s Church and Community Centre:*

*176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

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***We warmly welcome Debbie Bakkerus*** ***and Caroline Thompson from Family Works who are speaking to us today***.

***We welcome all visitors to our service this morning.***

 ***Please sign the Visitors’ Book and make yourself known to the Hosts who stand at the back of the church. A toilet is located in the foyer.***

***In our worship we use inclusive language as much as possible. Sometimes, especially in the hymns, this is not possible. Feel free to insert the language with which you are most comfortable. BOLDED WORDS are for congregational response.***

**Welcome … notices …**

**Moments of silence to prepare ourselves for worship**

The Bible will be carried into the church while the choir sings.

Introit Choir

Beautiful presence, how can we name you?

Words are too small for the one who is all.

How can we speak of your gentleness in us,

the warmth of our hearts in response to your call?

 *Beautiful presence, ocean of love,*

 *strong as forever, soft as a dove,*

 *Words often fail us, but this we know true,*

 *you live within us as we live in you.*

**Call to worship:**

Leader: Come, let us worship God together

**Response: Let us praise our God our Creator**

Leader: Let us sing with joy, praising God

**Response: We worship the Lord with joy and gladness**

**PRAYER**

“Do all the good you can,

By all the means you can,

In all the ways you can,

In all the places you can,

At all the times you can,

To all the people you can,

As long as ever you can.”

**HYMN CH4 213 (vv 1-3)**

**Every new morning God gives us freely**

**hearts that are thankful, strength for the task,**

**people who love us, joy in our service**

**all we have need of if we but ask.**

**God will be with us in all our thinking,**

**in all our speaking, in all we do;**

**and as we praise him by all our actions,**

**he will be with us seeing us through.**

**God in the morning, God in the noontide,**

**God in the evening, all through the day;**

**God is within us, and all around us,**

**God goes before us, all of the way.**

**Celebrations**

 **Celebrations today! May God bless you, we pray.**

**Live for Jesus, dear people. May he guide you each day.**

**HYMN** **CH4 544**

**When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there?**

**When I needed a neighbour, were you there?**

*Refrain* ***And the creed and the colour***

 ***and the name won’t matter,***

 ***were you there?***

**I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there?**

**I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?**

*Refrain*

**I was cold, I was naked, were you there, were you there?**

**I was cold, I was naked, were you there?**

*Refrain*

**When I needed a shelter, were you there, were you there?**

**When I needed a shelter, were you there?**

*Refrain*

**When I needed a healer, were you there, were you there?**

**When I needed a healer, where you there?**

*Refrain*

**Wherever you travel, I’ll be there, I’ll be there,**

**wherever you travel, I’ll be there.**

*Refrain* ***And the creed and the colour***

 ***and the name won’t matter,***

 ***I’ll be there?***

**Reading:** Luke 10: 25-37

 For the Word of God in scripture

 For the Word of God among us

 For the Word of God within us

 **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**: God companion of our journey (Tune Sussex CH3 144) **HS 32**

**God, companion of our journey,
        help in times of dark despair,
comforter in times of sadness,
    present in the joy we share.

Thanks we give for each new challenge,
    praise we sing for this new start.
Guide us in the path we’ve chosen,
    may your love-song fill our heart.

Lord of earth and sky and ocean,
    God of great and little things,
creatures furred and feathered know you,
    yours the tune the bellbird sings.

All creation bows before you,
    conscious of the life you give.
May aroha unify us,
    God in whom we move and live.

Take our lives and use our talents;
    give us freedom to explore
all the ways that we may serve you,
    trust and love you ever more.**

Jocelyn Marshall HS 32

**REFLECTION**

Debbie Bakkerus from Head Office gives an overview

Caroline Thompson talks about what she and others are doing up the coast & in Gisborne.

HEY STRANGER – video Clip <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tJjOjsiuY5U>

**HYMN** **CH4 360 vv 1-3**

**Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;**

**no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.**

**Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too:**

**make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.**

**Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,**

**where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.**

**Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too:**

**in the Kingdom’s causes let me rage with you.**

**Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;**

**curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.**

**Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too:**

**let my care be active, healing just like you.**

**Offering …**and dedication of the offering and ourselves

**Doxology: Take my gifts and let me love you, WB73**

 **God who first of all loved me,**

 **gave me light and food and shelter,**

 **gave me life and set me free,**

 **now because your love has touched me,**

 **I have love to give away**

 **now the bread of love is rising,**

 **loaves of love to multiply!**

**Dedication:** We pray together

**God of love, we offer these gifts to you**

**And ask that you will bless their use.**

**We offer ourselves to serve you**

**And ask for your blessing as we share your love. Amen**

**Prayers of the People**

Leader: God of Grace and understanding

**All: Teach us to love our neighbour and be merciful**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

 **Our Father, which art in heaven,**

 **Hallowed be thy Name.**

 **Thy Kingdom come.**

 **Thy will be done on earth,**

 **As it is in heaven.**

 **Give us this day our daily bread.**

 **And forgive us our trespasses,**

 **As we forgive them that trespass against us.**

 **And lead us not into temptation,**

 **But deliver us from evil.**

 **For thine is the kingdom,**

 **The power and the glory,**

 **For ever and ever. Amen.**

**HYMN** **CH4 360 vv4-5**

**Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,**

**where each sign of hatred He, with love, defeats.**

**Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too:**

**where good conquers evil, let me dance with you.**

**Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,**

**“Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.”**

**Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few:**

**walk one step before me, I will follow you.**

Blessing:

*Please join us for a time of fellowship and friendship over a cup of tea or coffee in the Lounge next door.*